

# **Arizona Sanitarians Council**

## **Minutes of the Council's meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2005**

Council Members Present: Suzanne Ehrlich, Ernest Arvizu, Harlan Lee and Don Herrington

Council Members Absent: None

Don Herrington called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

1. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 3, 2005 Arizona Sanitarians' Council meeting. Ms. Ehrlich moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Arvizu seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The Council discussed the idea of adding the signed statement, required in submitting contact hours for approval in the annual renewal process, to the renewal form. This would eliminate one form and make the renewal process more efficient. It was agreed this was an idea that should be implemented.
3. The Council discussed the trip taken by Council member Suzanne Ehrlich. Suzanne has agreed to represent the Council at a meeting with the Professional Examination Service (PES). PES has asked that Arizona participate in evaluating the current examination content for relevance and accuracy. PES wants the examination to best reflect the disciplines of knowledge needed by a Registered Sanitarian. Ms. Ehrlich discussed the process of renewing the test, which are quite involved. The current test was developed in 1998, and doesn't consider areas such as Bioterrorism. Ms. Ehrlich suggested that the Arizona Sanitarians' Council send a letter to PES asking that a survey be completed of R.S.'s. The survey would request information on field activities and job tasks of current R.S.'s to assist in making the test more relevant. She will attend another meeting in July to further the process.
4. The Council signed the registration certificates for the applicants that passed the Sanitarian Examination in April 2005. Seven people passed the examination taken on January 27, 2005. There were seventeen people who took the exam, for a 41% pass rate.
5. Fourteen applicants were approved to take the examination and seven others were approved contingent on receiving necessary documentation. One applicant was not approved. There were no applicants approved for reciprocity.
6. The next Council meeting was set for 10:00 a.m., September 1, 2005 at 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 415B. The upcoming examination is set for 1:00 p.m., July 28, 2005 at 1740 West Adams, Room 411.
7. With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Don Herrington  
Chair